J & K State function to the maximum pos sible extent and for expeditious disposal o applications for transfer of accounts fror. the Valley, if so desired by the customers

(c) Government have issued instruc tions to all commercial banks to giv compensatory facilities like special com pensatory allowance and pool accomods tion to the staff with adequate security.

Decline in snare of Kerala in inconn tax, excise duty etc,

993. SHRI E. BALANANDAN; Wil the Minister of FINANCE be pleased 6 state:

Ca) whether Government are aware tha the percentage share of Kerala in respec of income-tax, excise duty and additiona excise duty came down perceptibly as result of the norms adopted by the Nintl Finance Commission;

(b) whether Government propose ti take steps to rectify this position; and

(c) if 'so, what are the details thereof

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANII SHASTRI): (a) As compared to thi Eighth Finance Commission's award, th share of Kerala in respect of income tax duty & additional excise duty has com< down under the award of Ninth Finana Commission as shown below-

	Percentag sshaie	
	Eighth Finance Com- mission	Ninth Finance Com- mission
Income Tax	3.760	3.72
Excise Duty	3.800	3.08
Additional Excise Dutt	*%.Q6Z*	3 79

(b) and (c) The recommendation of the Ninth Finance Commissio (Second Report) for the Ave years period commencing: from 1st of April 1950 have already been accepted bj the Government

Disposal of the Appeal Against the balance demand from Chairman Express Group of Newspapers

994. SHRI SATYA PRAKASI MALAVIYA: (Will the Minister o FINANCE be pleased to refer to th answer to Unstarred Question 244 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16t' March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the appeal against tb balance demand of Rs. 26,82,164 fron the Chairman, Indian Express Grou] of Newspapers has been disposed of

(b) if so, whether the recovery ha since been made; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons fo such undue delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THI MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHR ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The aeman< of Rs. 26,82,164 referred to in thi question was not due from the Chair man, Indian Express Group of News papers but was tlue from Indian Ex press Newspapers (.Bombay) Pvt Ltd. Appeals against this demanc have been disposed of by the Corranis sioner (Appeals). After disposal o appeals, this demand lias been re duced to Rs. 2,93,914.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The appeals were decided or 13.6.1990. After receipt of the appel late orders, the Assessing Officer hai recently served (revised demand no> tices on the assgssee.

Misuse of loans given by banks te the Chairman, Express Group

995. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1012 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March,i '1989' and state:

(a) whether the appeal against the disallowance of certain losses shown bv the Chairman. Indian Exnress

Group of Newspapers has since been admitted;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the appeal.

(c) whether Shri Goenka has paid the necessary "taxes on losses disallowed or whether he has given any bank guarantee for such payment; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for not insisting for such a guarantee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL. SHASTRI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available and permissible under the rules.

Increase in Customs Duty on Paraxylene

996. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of drastic fall in the price of Paraxylene in interna tional market, Government have taken s-teps to increase customs duty on this material; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for delaying a decision on the subject particularly when it Eas an adverse Impact on revenue collections and growth of indigenous industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) has been asked to ascertain the fair selling price of indigenous paraxylene. A decision on the appropriate level of import duty *on* paraxylene can be taken only after the receipt of tbe BICP report.

Profitability in the Production of Polyster Filament Yarn;

997. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have information with regard to the alleged high levels of profitability in the Polyester Filament Yarn industry;

(by whether Government consider reducing the import duty as deman ded by a large number of users of Polyester Filament Yarn;

(c) whether the reduction of import duty will help in reducing the ultimate retail prices of fabrics so as to benefit the common man;

(d) whether Tftis has happened before, if so, when; and

te) whether reducing the import duty on man-made and synthetic tlbres and yarns has not resulted in reduction in retail prices of the fabrics; if so, whether Government consider allowing fabric Imports under OGL?

THE MINISER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir. However, Government have asked Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices to undertake a i'resh cost study on the Polyester Filament Yarn Industry.

(b) Government have reduced the import duty on Polyester Filament Yarn from 205 per cehT to" 180 per cent In 1990-91 budget. There Is no proposal af present to reduce It further,

(c) the reduction of import duty is only one factor in the reduction of retail price of fabrics. Other factors such as production trends demand and supply position, distribution channels, fashion trends etc. also determine fabrics retail prices.

(d) Import duty on Man-made and synthetic fibre/yarn Was reduced earlier in the 1988-89 Budget.

(e) The reduction of import 'duty on man-made and synthetic fibre/yarn